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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Underwood et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/580,145 ) Examiner: Narayanswamy Subramanian  
Filed: 05/30/2000 )  
For: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING A ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
COMPUTERIZED GOVERNMENT )  
AUCTION )

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116, Applicants hereby respectfully submit this response to the Final Office Action of December 9, 2003. For the reasons set forth in the remarks section of this response, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and that the claims as amended be allowed. Applicants further respectfully request that the designation of the outstanding Office Action as Final be withdrawn as being premature.

**Status of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.